

[13th March 1923]

APPENDIX B

[Vide answer to question No. 873 asked by Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 13th March 1923; page 2217 supra.]

Extent of land assigned to the depressed classes for cultivation from 1st April 1922 to 31st December 1922.

	ACS.		ACS.
1. Agency	Nil.	13. Guntur	2,135.22
2. Anantapur	1,920.88	14. Kistna	1,039.89
3. North Arcot	966.42	15. Kurnool	2,101.00
4. South Arcot	217.85	16. Madura	1,879.74
5. Bellary	1,067.98	17. Nellore	1,292.77
6. South Kanara	13.44	18. The Nilgiris	Nil.
7. Chingleput	474.25	19. Ramnad	37.45
8. Chittoor	486.99	20. Salem	140.83
9. Coimbatore	366.90	21. Tanjore	73.17
10. Cuddapah	1,031.54	22. Tinnevely	203.20
11. Ganjam	343.81	23. Trichinopoly	470.05
12. Godavari	112.08	24. Vizagapatam	45.34

III

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The SECRETARY laid on the table G.O. No. 98, Judicial (Police), dated 1st March 1923, regarding the payment of gratuities to members of the City Police staff who worked in connexion with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. *

IV

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1923-24.

DEMAND II—EXCISE.

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO :—" Sir, I beg to move Demand II—Excise Department—for the appropriation from the provincial receipts for the year 1923-24 of a sum of Rs. 29.07 lakhs."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" Mr. President, as the circumstances of this particular vote are very peculiar, I would request permission to raise a general point of order before the House embarks upon the discussion of details.

" I may say at the outset that we have long since submitted proposals to the Government of India for the separation of Salt and Excise, and hoped to have received orders before the Budget. Unfortunately, there has been some difficulty at Delhi about the figures and we have had no reply from the Government of India yet. Nor have I received any answer to a telegram despatched on Saturday asking for permission to communicate the correspondence to the Council. We are, therefore, left with the same unsatisfactory situation that we had last year of a joint Budget which is voted upon by two different assemblies, this Council as regards Excise and the Legislative Assembly as regards Salt. The position is rendered more difficult because some of the items that go to make up the gross total, which is ultimately